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Dear Friend,

I was happy to be able to spend a few days in the District this past weekend and appreciate the opportunity to relay some of my experiences and to applaud the great work being done in our community. This past weekend I had the pleasure of recognizing several outstanding students in the Third Congressional District through our annual Service Academy Nomination Event and the 2009 Congressional Art Competition.

Each year my office dedicates a tremendous amount of time to the Service Academy Nomination Process, with the assistance of an outstanding Nomination



Committee that includes three retired U.S. Air Force Major Generals. Saturday evening we gathered at the Aerospace Museum of California to recognize and encourage those students who will represent the Third District at the various service academies. These young people are making a commitment that will challenge their resolve, sharpen their skills, and bring continued leadership to our nation. We expect great things from them as they take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity that attendance at an academy is, but we are also grateful for their upcoming service. I was pleased to see so many parents and family members join us at the event. Their support has been and will continue to be critical in the development of these future officers.

The Folsom Public Library was gracious enough to host our Congressional Art Competition Awards event for a second consecutive year, which was held on Sunday afternoon. If you were fortunate enough to make it to the Library in the week preceding the event, then you were able to examine

Second Townhall of 2009!

Date and Time

June 1, 2009
7:00PM to 8:30PM

Location

Folsom City Council
Chambers
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

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58 pieces of artwork crafted by students in the Third District. Many of you did and played an integral role in the process by voting for the People's Choice Award. Indicative of the exceptional quality of this year's submissions, the panel of judges decided to add an Honorable Mention Award to the event.

Congressman Lungren participates in the annual Congressional Art Competition. Here he poses with Sheldon Art Instructor Deborah George and Sheldon High school junior Mimi Phan, whose artwork "Time in Waiting" will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.



Of the many fine submissions, one stood above the rest – "Waiting in Time" by Mimi Phan of Sheldon High School in Elk Grove. I was shocked to find

out that this self-portrait in charcoal is Mimi's first venture into the use of charcoal. Her artwork will go to Washington, DC where it will hang in the Cannon underground tunnel to the Capitol building where literally thousands will walk by it over the course of a year. I am certain you will be as impressed with the piece as the judges and I are and that you will find it a great representation of the artistic talents in the Third District.

Before spending the weekend honoring many of the outstanding students in our community, I was able to visit several community leaders. On Friday I met with EdFund at their facility at Mather. I learned that the employees at EdFund helped facilitate the guarantee of more than \$3.5 billion in student loans in the 2007-2008 year alone. Additionally, they provide critical support services to ensure the students are educated in their borrowing decisions, ensuring a greater likelihood of long-term educational and financial success.

I was fortunate to bear witness to the accomplishments at Sierra Nevada Electronic Warfare and Ranges where development takes place of a technology of seminal importance – anti-Improvised Explosive Device (IED) capability. At a time when IEDs represent one of the most significant threats to our deployed military personnel, I cannot stress enough the significance of a technology such as this.

I finished Friday with an equally encouraging visit to Mercy Hospital in Folsom where I was introduced to "Elliott," the newest addition to the staff at Mercy. Elliott is a robot used in the administration of tele-medicinal treatment of stroke victims. With Elliott's assistance, a stroke specialist can remotely assess and treat a stroke victim in those critical first three hours, if a specialist is not physically at the hospital.

As I return to our work on at the Capitol, I want to thank you for your continued input. I hope that you will be encouraged to attend my upcoming Town Hall Meeting on June 1, 2009, 7:00 – 8:30pm. This Town Hall Meeting will

be hosted by the City of Folsom in the Folsom City Council Chambers at 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

If my office can be of assistance, please be encouraged to call. My District Office is right here in Gold River and can be reached at (916) 859-9906.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

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